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Ms. Laurie Woodall, Chairperson
Power Plant and Power Line Siting Committee
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996


RE: Docket L-00000AA-01-~~0116~~

Dear Ms Woodall,

This letter is in support of the site selected by Allegheny Energy Supply for it's La Paz Generating Facility. I have lived in Salome for about 10 years and served as Superintendent of Bicentennial Union High School District No.76 / Salome High School for four years. During my time in Salome this is the first opportunity to bring a business into the area that provides good employment. It was evident working with the high school students that if they wanted to use their education and have a reasonable standard of living they had to leave the area for employment. Over 75% of the students in school were on free or reduced lunch. This facility would provide direct employment for 30 to 40 people as well as indirect employment in service, supply and maintenance companies.

As a volunteer site steward for the BLM I am aware of the environment and the need to protect our historical and archeological sites. From what I can tell the La Paz Generating Faculty will be built with state of the art equipment and technology to protect the environment. The location south of I-10 with close access to existing pipe lines and transmission lines minimizes impact. It is a sparsely populated area that does not require the development of a lot of infrastructure. It will definitely have less visual impact on Arizona's beautiful desert and mountains than acres of windmills, like those along I-10 near Palm Springs.

Sincerely,


Tom Overman

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